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Meeting Lincoln

Original letters describing encounters with the 16th President of the United States

Surnames beginning with

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Young, - -

July 20

Mr H K Perry
Buselton.

Dear Sir;

I regret to say I have no idea how to get the information you desire relating to Mr Lincoln. I have no knowledge of any one who knew or met him. O. H. Oldroyd, who was Custodian of his tomb at Springfield, and who assembled and recently sold the Nation a collection of articles pertaining to the murdered President once told me he never saw him.

In reply to your inquiry as to "H Shepherd" I know a man of that name

Who was in a New
York Cavalry Regiment,
but do not think he was
ever decorated for bravery,
as I have never heard him
speak of it, or in fact of
his service. As he is not
distinguished for modesty
also as you give the name
as I can't, I think
it unlikely he is the one
of whom you wrote.
With thanks for your good
wishes,

Emily
F. J. Young

Young, Henry B. L.-Douglas Debates Burlington, Iowa

Monmouth, Ill.

HENRY B. YOUNG, M. D.
301 AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK BLDG.
BURLINGTON, IOWA

Sept'r 3" 1931.

Mr. Howard K.Terry,
Bustleton Pa.

Dear Sir;
As I was not yet 8 years old when I saw Mr.Lincoln, and I saw him but once, my memories of him are necessarily not extensive.
He came to my home town, Monmouth Ills. in the autumn of 1858 for a speaking appointment in his campaign against Douglass, and I went with my father, at his special request, to see a "future great" man (my father's words). It was a drizzly day, and the meeting was located in a lumber yard where a temporary covered platform had been erected and the audience stood on boards that had been laid down for a dry footing, or sat on the low piles of lumber adjacent.
It was my first attendance at a political gathering, and I was so impressed that I could now go to the identical spot and reconstruct the scene. I cannot, of course, remember what was said, but I can still see the tall, undemonstrative, man who seemed to hold his hearers spellbound. This was quite in contrast with my impressions of Douglass, whom I saw a few weeks later. He strutted and tossed his head in a way to make his rather long give emphasis.
I was in Washington in August 1863 and passed up an opportunity to see Mr.Lincoln again - something I have always regretted.

Truly Yours, H. B. Young

Regards to Dr.Turnbull,. He is "Dave" to me

~~Zerk~~ Zeek, Mrs. C. B. Cincinnati, Ohio
Second Campaing Speech July 5th 1931

Mr Howard K Terry

When your letter came to us my Husband had been stricken with paralisys on the 5 of May your letter dated the 12 of May lay in the desk unopened till yesterday. My Husband passed away (after suffering untold agony) on the 19th of May. How glad he would have been to have given you the information you ask
I have heard him tell many times of his meeting with Lincoln but cant recall the place Lincoln had come with Grant and Butler to inspect the trenches all three standing on the edge of the trench my Husband down in the trench He sighted a man in a tree from the Rebel side knowing he was a sharp shooter warned Butler to get Lincoln and Grant down into trenches As he passed (C B Zeek) he placed

his hand on his shoulder and said "When you grow up you will make a pretty good sized man" giving him one of his smiles. My husband was 2nd x 15-yrs old at the time Now if this would interest you I my self met him at the time of his second campaigne running for President on this trip to Cincinnati a rally was given at Ludlow Grove I was the first maid of honor to the goddess of Liberty when we drove in to the grounds Lincoln with his escort drove in the same time among whom was my cousin Joseph E Cox who was Judge of the circuit court and Joseph Hart my uncle introduced me to Lincoln as his little red headed neice he clasped my hand holding it all the time he was talking to the Goddess of Liberty I think I can feel that pressure

yet- He asked if he could put his ~~hand~~ foot- on the hub of the wagon to warm it- as there were flurries of snow flying and you may be sure he was permitted to do so

Child tho I was I knew it- was a wonderful speech Older people thought- it elected him

My Husband had a military funeral with only one veteran able to attend he sounded taps on his old war time drum his name is Colonel Blomenrotter. James Langlois Commander unable to attend they two the only ones left- of Post 56 Bandon Ore This is dictated by his wife who is almost- blind but- wants to sign her name written by a sister in law Mrs A F Stevenson

Mrs O B Fockler

We would be glad to know of you
. our address is

Mrs C B Zeek
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